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312 DYAL-UPCHURCH BLDG.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

November 26, 1921

Metropolitan Museum of Art,
Numismatic Dept.,
Fifth Ave. & 80th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Have you in your collection a coin known as the Florida farthing of James II reign, and if so, will you please let me know its history as to why it was issued and whether it received a wide circulation in America. Also, the number of varieties of this coin in your collection or that you know exists. *1/24 of a Span Real.*

Also, I want to find out the history of a coin issued by Charles X of France and dated 1595. Who was he, as his name is not given in any history that I have consulted nor biography? According to history there is no Charles X until the one of the nineteenth century. I notice that this particular coin I have, which is a two franc piece, has after the legend, "Sit nomen domini benedictum", the figures 66. What would that refer to? Any information that you can give me upon these points will be much appreciated, and also mention if you have that coin in your collection.

Yours very truly,

GEH/EDB

Gerald C. Hart
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Hispanic Society,
W. 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

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New York Numismatic & Antiquarian Society, *or the American Numismatic Society*
New York, N. Y.

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thr Florida farthing of James II reign, and if so, will you
please let me know its history as to why it was issued and
whether it received a wide circulation in America. Also,
the number of varieties of this coin in your collection or
that you know exists. *'124' part of Span Real. I believe it is
also known as Plantation Money.*

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issued by Charles X of France and dated 1595. Who was he,
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GEH/EDB

Address

*Walter E. Hart
P. O. Box 131
Jacksonville Fla*



NEW YORK, November 30, 1921.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find letter from Mr. Gerald E. Hart. We have written Mr. Hart that we have forwarded his letter to you.

Yours truly,

THE HISPANIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th Street,
New York City.

December 1st, 1921

Mr. Gerald E. Hart
P.O.Box 131
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 26th addressed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been referred to us for reply.

Very little is known of the 1/24 of the Spanish real issued by James II and which has been assigned to Florida. Though not common, they are not especially rare, and as far as I know, they are always made in tin. We, however, have a specimen in copper as well. I am not aware that there is more than one die variety but I have never compared these pieces.

The French coins of Charles X struck at the end of the 16th Century are not rare. He was the Pretender and was the Cardinal de Bourbon. The history is something like this -

On the death of Henry III, the crown passed to Henry of Navarre, but the League refused to recognize the Prince of the Calvinist religion, and the Parliament of Paris proclaimed Charles de Bourbon as King of France. He was Cardinal Archbishop of Rouen who had been a prisoner since the assassination of the Guise. Twelve Mints struck money in the name of Charles X during 1589. The '66 on your piece, which is really a '99, is the mint-mark of Dinan.

I trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

MAISON JACQUEMUS,

9, RUE BELLEVUE,

BEAUSOLEIL A.M.,

FRANCE.

30th January 1925.

Howland Wood Esq
Curator The American Numismatic Society
New York

Dear Sir,

Before going to Press, I would be pleased to know from you, whether you have any information concerning the history and issue of the token "God Preserve Carolina and the Lords Proprietors 1694" having an Elephant on reverse. No work that I have been able to see, gives any information as to what event in history this refers, but probably you may know? If you do, my book will give you full credit for what you may be good enough to tell me.

You were good enough to write me relative to a Florida farthing of James "1" and if you have further knowledge regarding this piece find its circulation and why assigned to Florida in particular, I would be pleased to learn. Your letter is of date Dec 1. 1921. Very truly yours,
A. E. Hart.

I am living over here now, and am sorry I cannot get an American stamp to enclose for reply. A.E.H.

As far as I can find out nothing is really
known about these. There are three types
God Preserve New England 1694

God Preserve Carolina and the Lords Proprietors
also another variety with the word changed to
Proprietors. and

God Preserve London
all have the same obverse an Elephant.
They were not used in this country
and were probably made in London
as medals. Their weights vary from
130 grains to 236 which would also
make one think that they were not
intended for coins.

February 13th, 1925

Mr. Gerald E. Hart
Maison Jacquemus
9 Rue Bellevue
Beausoleil A.M.
France

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 30th, as far as I can make out, nothing is really known about the piece of which you write. There are three types: God Preserve New England, 1694; God Preserve Carolina and the Lords Proprietors, 1694, and another variety with the word changed to Proprietors and God Preserve London. All bear an Elephant on the obverse. They were not used in this country and were probably made in London as medals. Their weight varies from 130 grains to 236 grains, which would also make one think that they were not intended for coins.

Very truly yours,

Curator

9 Rue Bellevue
Beausoleil, France
Tuesday 9 June 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood
Curator American Numis-
matic Society
New York

Dear Sir. Referring to your esteemed
favor of Feb. 13. ^{relative to}
the New England and Carolina
Elephant coins, you state, you believe
them to be medals due to their weight
which you give at 130 to 236 grains
would you kindly let me know, if
this is the actual weight of specimens
you have in your Museum collec-
tion, or that you have taken it
from some coin book, and if so,
please give me the name, so that I
may look it up at the British Museum
London. I leave here next week
for a three months stay in London.
My address there, will be, care of the
High Commissioner for Canada, Secretary's
office, ^{High Kinross House} where I would esteem to receive
your early reply. I am Very sincerely yours
Gerald E. Hart

2nd Premium NE Appleton Coll Boston 236 gr
ex Parmelee & Russell 133 gr

Carolinus

130-162

143 gr

from Crosby Early Coins of
America B. 337

June 22, 1925

Gerald E. Hart, Esq.
c/o High Commissioner for Canada
Secretary's Office
Kinnaird House
London, England

Dear Sir:

The information I gave you concerning the New England and Carolina elephant coins was taken from Crosby's Early Coins of America, page 337. Mention is there made of the Appleton specimen now in the Boston Historical Society which weighs 236 grains and the piece formerly in the Parmelee Collection which weighed 133 grains. Of the Carolinas, he mentions pieces weighing 130, 143 and 162 grains. Unfortunately, the descriptions of the pieces in the various sale catalogues do not carry any weight. I think that you may be able to get more pertinent information about these in London especially at the British Museum.

Very truly yours

HW C

Curator